

REMARKS

An Article 34 amendment is filed concurrently herewith.

Claims shown in the Article 34 amendment are the originally filed claims.

Claims 1, 3, and 8 are currently amended.

Claims 9 and 10 are added.

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and for clarity.

Support for Claims 9 and 10 is found in Claim 8, as originally-filed.

Support for the amendment is found in the claims and the specification, as originally filed.

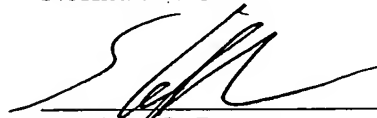
Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-10 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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